City of Lafayette Staff Report

To:	City Council
From:	Jennifer Russell, Parks, Trails & Recreation Director
Date Written:	April 20, 2009
Meeting Date:	April 27, 2009
Subject:	Lafayette Community Park Children's Play Area Project Award of Contract Project Number 012-917100

Introduction

The 2008/2009 City Budget allocates $328,646 for the design, administration and construction of the Lafayette Community Park Children's Play Area Project. Bids were opened for this project on April 15, 2009. Staff is seeking City Council action to award the construction contract to the second lowest bidder in the amount of $124,855.50.

Bid Information

The City received sixteen (16) bids for this project. While reviewing the lowest bid, staff determined it was non responsive due to failure to comply with the city specification that requires third party certification of rubberized surface material for a specific depth and fall height. The City's specifications require that if a bidder desires to offer a substitute material, equipment or process as the case may be, on the basis that the substitute is the equal in every respect to that so indicated or specified shall first submit to the City Engineer a request in writing at least 10 days in advance of the time and date set for opening of bids in order that all interested bidders may be notified of such approval or approved alternative, as the case may be. The City did not receive such a request from the lowest bidder.

Staff reviewed the second lowest bid and determined the bid proposal to be responsive, complete and accurate. Staff also confirmed that the contractor's license is current and active.

Engineer's Estimate (Construction)	$180,000.00
Project No. 012-917100	
Contractor	Bid Amount
Blossom Valley Construction, Inc.	$116,731.00
S.R.P. Company	**$124,855.50**
Sansei Gardens, Inc.	$126,401.25
Pacheco Brothers Gardening	$126,893.00
Redwood Engineering	$128,343.75
Earthstone Construction Inc.	$132,000.00
Cinray Construction	$135,100.00
Suarez & Munoz Construction, Inc.	$140,890.00
Nessco Construction	$142,149.00
G&G Builders, Inc.	$142,174.84

McNabb Construction	$142,923.00
Cleary Brothers Landscape, Inc.	$149,656.00
Cowan & Thompson Construction, Inc.	$156,109.00
Talini, Inc..	$158,775.95
Lemke Homes	$161,847.50
Rodan Builders, Inc.	$185,135.00

Recommendation:

Adopt the project plans, specifications, and working details for the Lafayette Community Park Children's Play Area Project, reject Blossom Valley Construction, Inc. as non-responsive and award a contract to the second lowest bidder, S.R.P. Company, in the amount of $124,855.50.